

**"EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE"**  
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**TITLE OF INVENTION**

**PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR MODIFIED RELEASE OF AN INSULIN SENSITISER  
AND ANOTHER ANTIDIABETIC AGENT**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to the examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Kindly add the Abstract enclosed herewith on a separate sheet, at the end.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-19 and add new claims 20-40:

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20. ✓ A pharmaceutical composition, which composition comprises: an insulin sensitiser and another antidiabetic agent and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor, wherein the composition is arranged to provide a modified release of at least one of the insulin sensitiser and the other antidiabetic agent.

21. A modified release pharmaceutical composition, which composition comprises: an insulin sensitiser, such as Compound (I), and another antidiabetic agent and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor, wherein the carrier is arranged to provide a modified release of at least one of the insulin sensitiser and the other antidiabetes agent.

22. A composition according to claim 20, wherein the release of both the insulin sensitiser and the other antidiabetes agent ~~is~~ modified.

23. A composition according to claim 21 wherein the release of both the insulin sensitiser and the other diabetes agent is modified.